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SUBJECT: BELGIAN CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS-
CORN AND SOYBEANS

1. DEBRUYCKER, CHEF DE CABINET, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, TOLD EMBASSY AT LUNCHEON MEETING THAT MINISTRY GREATLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY OF U.S. EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CORN AND SOYBEANS DUE REDUCED PRODUCTION. BELGIUM DEPENDS ON SOYBEANS FOR MAJOR PART OF PROTEIN IN MIXED FEEDS, ESPECIALLY FOR HOG AND POULTRY PRODUCTION. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL NOT MAKE FINAL DECISION, WE ASSURED HIM THAT SECRETARY BUTZ IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO SUCH CONTROLS AFTER LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCE WITH SOYBEAN EXPORT EMBARGO. WE ALSO PROVIDED HIM STATEMENTS BY OTHER USDA OFFICIALS AND AMERICAN FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT OPPOSING CONTROLS. HE SAID HE WAS RELIEVED BY THIS INFORMATION.

2. DE BRUYCKER MENTIONED THAT HE PLANS LEAVE CABINET END OF YEAR TO BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT (SIMILAR TO U.S. FARM CREDIT SYSTEM).

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3. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT PEVENAGE, AN ECONOMIST MEMBER OF
MINISTER LAVEN'S CABINET NOW IN U.S. ON LEADER GRANT PROGRAM,
PROBABLY WILL REMAIN IN CABINET INSTEAD OF MOVING TO
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS INSTITUTE AS PLANNED. (SINCE
PEVENAGE UNAWARE OF THIS, PLEASE DO NOT DISCLOSE.)
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